

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-20 are active in this application, Claims 10-13 having been cancelled without prejudice by the present amendment.

The Advisory Action maintains the rejections of the Office Action of August 24, 2005. In the Office Action of August 24, 2005, Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohnishi et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,153,460, herein “Ohnishi”) in view of Beach et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,416,042, herein “Beach”), and Claims 14-20 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 14-20. In view of this indication, rejected Claims 10-13 are cancelled to place this application in condition for allowance. Thus, it is believed that remaining Claims 14-20 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, since the present amendment reduces the number of issues for appeal and raises no new issues, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 is believed to be in order and it is therefore respectfully requested.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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